

In the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An antiwrinkle cosmetic composition comprising about 0.1 to about 2.1% by weight of a purified essential oil extracted from flower tops of *Helichrysum italicum* in relation to the weight of the composition, wherein the essential oil comprises about 40 to about 70% by weight of neryl acetate by weight.

2. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, adapted for application to the body or face.

3. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the essential oil is obtained by hydrodistillation or by an extraction fluid at or close to the supercritical state.

4.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the essential oil is enclosed in controlled-release nanospheres.

8. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, further comprising a skin compatible carrier.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The cosmetic composition according to claim 1, further comprising an additional active ingredient selected from the group consisting of natural perhydrosqualene, sucroesters, borage oil, oenothera oil, grapestone oil, vitamin A, vitamin E and allantoin.

11.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method of cosmetic skin care selected from delaying appearance of skin aging effects, treating wrinkles, hydrating the skin, improving the firmness of the skin, reducing the appearance of wrinkles, and reducing depth of wrinkles, comprising

topically applying to the skin of a person in need thereof a cosmetically effective amount of a composition comprising about 0.1 to about 2.1% by weight of a purified essential oil extracted from flower tops of *Helichrysum italicum* in relation to the weight of the composition, wherein the essential oil comprises ~~about 40 to about 70% by weight~~ of neryl acetate ~~by weight~~.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition is adapted for application to the body or face.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the essential oil is obtained by hydrodistillation or by an extraction fluid at or close to supercritical state.

17.-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the essential oil is enclosed in controlled-release nanospheres.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition further comprises a skin compatible carrier.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the composition further comprises an additional active ingredient selected from the group consisting of natural perhydrosqualene, sucroesters, borage oil, oenothera oil, grapeseed oil, vitamin A, vitamin E and allantoin.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the cosmetic skin care is treating wrinkles.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the cosmetic skin care is hydrating of skin.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the cosmetic skin care is reducing the appearance of wrinkles.